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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL)

Application No.: 09/987,490)

Filed: November 15, 2001)

For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD
AND APPARATUS)

Examiner: Janis L. Dote

Group Art Unit: 1756

August 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the changes

to Figures 2- 8 , as shown in red on the attached sketch, enclosed in duplicate. These changes comprise designating Figure 8 as "Prior Art" and deleting reference numerals 310, 312b, 313a through 313f, 17, 17a, 21, 200, 35 and 5 in Figures 2- 8, respectively, in accordance with the request in the Office Action of March 24, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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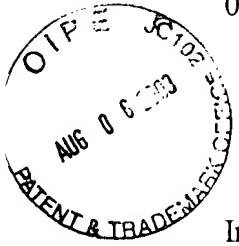
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compliance
with
37 CFR 1.121

The new drawing sheets incorporate the changes requested by the Examiner
in the Official Action of March 4, 2003.

A copy of this Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by
telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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